

BIG GAINS BY THE FRENCH IN BATTLES NEAR ARRAS ARE ADMITTED BY BERLIN

Whole Companies Wiped Out
Is the Official Version
Sent From Paris.

FIGHT IN RAINSTORM.

Even German War Office Says
That Kaiser's Troops Were
Forced Across Canal.

BERLIN, May 17.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Germany army headquarters today gave out the following report:

"North of Ypres and to the west of the Canal near Steenstraete and Het Nas the Germans yesterday gave up their advanced positions and, to avoid losses from the strong artillery fire of the enemy, they drew back their smaller forces to the main positions on the eastern bank of the Canal."

"South of Neuve Chapelle the British still hold parts of the front trench taken May 13. The fighting continues north of Arras. Near Abail and Neuville French attacks yesterday were repulsed with very heavy losses for the enemy."

"German aircraft have successfully attacked the airports of Dover and Calais."

Despatches last night from England set forth that a hostile aircraft had appeared over Dover but for a short time only, and no mention of an attack was made.

PARIS, May 17.—Whole companies of Germans were slaughtered in fighting during a blinding rainstorm around Neuville and Souchez, according to despatches today from the battle front.

The Germans attacked at four points. They sought to recover the ground gained by the French in the

Saturday and Sunday fighting in this region. The War Office announced this afternoon that in each instance the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses. An extremely heavy bombardment is now proceeding north of Arras, pointing to a renewal of the infantry engagements.

The text of the War Office report is as follows:

"In the region of Het Nas we have continued to make progress. Yesterday evening we occupied a house strongly defended by the enemy, and on the east bank of the canal we took possession of the first German line, making at the same time 145 prisoners and capturing four machine guns. A counter attack on the part of the enemy was a complete failure."

"Nothing new to the north of Arras, where it is again raining, with the exception of an extremely violent artillery duel in the region of Lorette, and the sanguinary checking in this same vicinity of four counter attacks on the part of the Germans."

"On the Oise at a point near Bailly, the Germans, undoubtedly in an effort to influence our sharpshooters, displayed in front of our lines a Turkish flag, a green background with the crescent. Our African troops responded to this provocation at once by rifle fire which brought this flag to the ground. A sharpshooter subsequently went out and brought the flag back to our lines."

British troops, continuing their drive at the German line near La Bassée, have captured another series of trenches at Richebourg-Passene. They took 450 prisoners.

**BYRCE'S REPORT TO GO
ALL OVER THE WORLD
IN A TWO CENT EDITION.**

LONDON, May 17.—The British Government has decided to issue a penny (two cents) edition of the report of the committee on alleged German outrages, of which Viscount Bryce, formerly British Ambassador at Washington, was the President. The report is being translated into the chief languages of Europe and India.

**GERMAN COLONY
IN AFRICA TAKEN
BY FRENCH TROOPS.**

PARIS, May 17.—A French column, commanded by Colonel Mayer, occupied on May 11, the post of Esouka, in the German colony of Kamerun, according to a telegram received here today from the Governor-General of French West Africa.

The post was captured after a brilliant flank movement. The French losses, the message adds, were slight, while those of the Germans were heavy.

**ROMAN BRIDGE RENAMED
ALBERT, SUPPLANTING
FREDERICK WILLIAM.**

LONDON, May 17.—The municipal authorities at Rome have renamed Frederick William Bridge Albert Bridge in honor of the King of the Belgians, according to despatches received here today.

Parents Not Justified in Having Children They Can't Support, Belief of "Ma" Sunday

THE CHILD OUTWEIGHS
ALL THE EXPENSE,
SACRIFICE AND TROUBLE



But Evangelist's Wife Says There Is No More Pittiable Object in the World Than a Wife Physically and Financially Fit Who Deliberately Deprives Herself of Motherhood.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

Billy Sunday has struck out society again. He says that society—in the narrow or New York sense of the word—is pretty nearly put maternity out of business. He says there are many homes of the well-to-do where one or two or three children are looked upon as a curse instead of a blessing. And he denounces in his best vein the women who, because they want to look pretty or because they are afraid their social gayeties will be interrupted, deliberately push aside the honorable crown of maternity.

I wondered what "Ma" Sunday thought about it. I don't agree with her theology but I do respect her as a shrewd, sensible, kindly woman, who for nearly thirty years has held down the difficult job of being the wife of a popular evangelist. I believe a conjugal partnership with an S. R. O. tenor would be easier.

Moreover, "Ma" Sunday knows all about maternity, having brought up four children of her own—Helen, George, William Jr. and little Paul. The first two are well over twenty. Billy and Paul are somewhere between six and twelve, and demand and get a full share of their mother's attention.

I found her at the ironing board in the kitchen of the temporary Patterson home at Park Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street. She was placidly ironing a blue-and-white silk shirt for her spouse. The smile of greeting was suddenly wiped off her face when I asked her what she thought of the rich women who avoid maternity.

"There is no one in the world whom I pity more," she said gravely and slowly, "than the wife who is physically and financially able to have a family of children and who deliberately deprives herself of this happiness. She is laying up untold misery and regret. Perhaps the card table and the ballroom will satisfy her for a few years, but when it is too late to change her decision, when she and her husband

must grow old alone, she will be consumed with remorse and with envy of wiser women."

"You know how it is," "Ma" continued, ironing energetically as she talked. "You know, everybody knows, that there are whole families of rich society people with no children at all or, at most, with one or two babies. I'm not saying the women are always to blame. There are women to whom Nature doesn't send the gift of children. There are women who dearly love babies and long for them, but who are denied the desire of their hearts simply because their husbands have led lives before marriage which unfit them for parenthood."

"But it certainly looks as if a lot of women are to-day refusing to have children for purely selfish reasons. They have the means to bring up a family, but are afraid they will spoil their figures or their complexions. They don't like to give up their parties and their entertainments even for a few years. They dread the responsibility of children."

"Now, I'm not sentimental and blind on this subject," "Ma" pressed her iron firmly on Billy's neckband. "Children often do mean a lot of hard work, trouble and suffering. Sometimes they don't turn out well, in spite of all their mother can do. They are a responsibility, and a big one. Physically, mentally, morally and economically they demand a lot from their mother. But everything that's really worth while involves responsibility. Put together all the work and worry, all the suffering and disappointment that children mean, and put them on the other side of the scale and they'll weigh it down every time. They're worth all they cost, and more."

"Mr. Sunday and I have said often that it is the educated people, the people with money, the people who could give most to their children, who could prepare them splendidly for life and provide them with every advantage, are usually the very people who have the smallest families."

NO CHILDREN FOR PARENTS WHO CAN'T AFFORD THEM.

"Do you think that every one should have as many children as nature permits?" I asked.

"Ma" Sunday's smooth brow wrinkled a trifle and her hazel eyes grew thoughtful.

"It's hard, almost impossible, to speak publicly on that subject without being misunderstood," she said.

"I'm afraid you'll have to excuse me. But I will say this—I don't think people are justified in having children they can't support."

I realized that again "Ma" had vindicated my opinion of her good sense.

"Don't you think that the society women who do have children should give them more personal care, instead of leaving them so much of the time with servants?"

"Ma" smiled broadly.

"If I said I did think so," she observed, "they might come back at me, because I have had to leave my children with servants frequently. I couldn't help it, for Mr. Sunday won't stir a step away from me without me, and it isn't good for little children to yank them around the country all the time. Then, as they get older, their schooling has to be considered. I always have them with me when I can. I went out to Winona Lake not long ago to bring the little boys here to Patterson."

The shirt was immaculately smooth.



by this time and we started to go upstairs. Little Paul burst into the room and "Ma" patted his shoulder in blessing. "You put on your old blouse without my telling you when you went out to play," she approved, with a warm smile. "I don't see her staying away from the youngster for any other cause than the comfort of her biggest and oldest boy."

"Of course I've carefully supervised the lives of my children ever when I couldn't be with them myself," she explained. "And I don't see how any mother can give up to others the care of her babies simply because she wants to dance and give parties and run around. Perhaps some rich children would turn out better if they received a little more personal attention from their parents."

HUSBAND WANTS CHILDREN AND IS PROUD OF THEM.

"Don't you think it's sometimes the husband, rather than his wife, who believes in race suicide?" I suggested.

"Ma" Sunday shook her head.

"I believe a man always wants children when he marries," she said. "They appeal to his love and pride, and he is almost invariably hurt and disappointed if he finds that his wife is opposed to having a family. I have no doubt that many women have lost the love of their husbands through the refusal to become mothers. Much of the unhappiness of married life may be traced in one way or another to childlessness."

"If the man has a child to work for and save for it studies him. If the woman has a child to take up her time and attention she is less likely to neglect her home and to become absorbed in outside amusements."

"I think, you know, that a man should not shift upon his wife all responsibility for the care of their little ones. It's not right for her to be a selfish butterfly, but neither should she be turned into a hopeless drudge. There's no reason in the world why father, as well as mother, shouldn't take his turn at putting the baby to sleep or giving him an airing."

"I am strongly in favor of having sex hygiene taught in the schools. If every mother would tell her daughter the facts of life she would be all right, but all the mothers won't tell. And it is cruel and wrong to allow any girl to marry without understanding what marriage and maternity really mean."

"I'm not at all sure that the world really suffers from the loss of the children of those rich, idle, selfish women who refuse to become mothers," ended "Ma" Sunday. "Such women would seem to have no especially desirable characteristics to bequeath to their descendants. Moreover, an unwanted child always comes into the world under a handicap. I've seen children whose natures were warped before they were born because their parents rebelled against their coming. The real loss belongs to the women who willfully refuse motherhood. I pity them!"

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300,000 CHEER NEWS THAT ITALIAN CABINET STAYS

Remarkable Demonstration by
the War Party in
Rome.

ROME, May 17.—Official confirmation of the report that the Salandra cabinet would remain in power was greeted by one of the most remarkable demonstrations of approval ever witnessed in Rome. A crowd estimated at 300,000 gathered in the Piazza del Popolo at the foot of the Pincian Hill, the slope and summit of which were thronged with representatives of the most aristocratic families in the capital.

Society women wearing the tricolor of Italy waved flags and handkerchiefs as they joined in the cheers for Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino, while bands played patriotic airs. To the Gariboldian veterans in the crush it seemed that the stirring days of the war of independence had returned.

Even horses and cars were decked with flags. Beside the obelisk in the square was an immense caricature of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, at which all kinds of missiles were hurled. French, British, Belgian and Russian flags were borne aloft with the Italian colors.

There was a great patriotic demonstration before the home of Ricciotti Garibaldi. The veteran "red shirt" leader responded to insistent demands for a speech by declaring: "To-day the Italian people are writing the last page of their national liberation to which our red shirts contributed."

King Victor Emmanuel personally visited the barracks this morning, followed by a great throng that cheered wildly. Great crowds of women were in the streets.

Premier Salandra convened a council of ministers to discuss the situation.

Clashes between Italian and Austrian troops are reported to be occurring on the frontier.

According to one report, the Austrians attempted to cross the boundary at once point, but were repulsed by the Italians, who took one prisoner.

LONDON, May 17.—Italy now has 1,700,000 soldiers ready to take the field and fully equipped, according to a telegram from Lugano, Switzerland, which is close to the Italian frontier.

"Every soldier," a Bern dispatch to the Morning Post asserts, "has received two blankets, three pairs of nailed boots, as many stockings and woollen gloves."

course of formation and the last available units.

"On the same day our troops carried Nadworna after a great struggle. On the preceding evening our cavalry, which forced a bridge head in one attack, occupied Slatyn. We are continuing energetic pursuit."

"In the region of Shavil (in the Battle province of Courland) the fighting is developing favorably. We repulsed several attacks west of Shavil and successfully attacked a strong column of the enemy near the village of Trodai which was endeavoring to envelop Shavil from the north. We threw it back."

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., May 17.—Reports from West Galicia confirm news despatches telling of the extent of the defeat suffered by the Russians. At the same time they make ridiculous claims made by the enemy.

For instance: It was announced at Petrograd that the Russian general commanding the Forty-eighth Division had been especially mentioned for bravery. Reports received here said that the Forty-eighth Russian Division has been entirely disposed of by annihilation or capture. The general commanding and his staff officers were captured behind the Austrian front by a baggage escort.

FIVE RESIDENTS OF U. S. WOUNDED IN BATTLE: WITH THE GERMAN.

OTTAWA, May 17.—The names of five residents of the United States who contained in a list made public today of casualties among the Canadian contingent in Europe.

They are H. Summers, Lockport, N. Y.; Elmer C. Goldworthy, Pacific Grove, Cal.; Harry O. Taffier, Mansfield, Mass.; and William Dawson, New York, all of whom are reported as wounded, and Alanson Himes, Seattle, Wash., reported wounded and missing.



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